

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-7 are in the application.

Claim 2 has been canceled from the application.

With respect to the objection to the drawings in paragraph 1 on page 2 of the office action, the Examiner will note that the reference numerals mentioned in the specification but not shown in the drawing have been removed from the specification.

Concerning the objection to the drawings in paragraph 2 on page 2 of the office action, submitted herewith is a copy of the originally filed drawings with proposed drawing corrections shown in red. Specifically, the reference numerals not mentioned in the specification have been remove from the drawing.

A substitute abstract of the disclosure has been provided on a separate sheet.

Concerning the objection to the disclosure, the Examiner will note that the required corrections have been made.

The Examiner will note that the specification has been

additionally amended to provide appropriate headings.

Concerning the objection to claim 6, the Examiner will note that the proposed correction has been made.

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner on page 3 of the office action.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 3-7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

Since the Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 3-7 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, it is submitted that the claims in the application are now in condition for allowance.

An English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report is enclosed for the Examiner's information.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.



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